

Leavenworth K. T. Dec 13<sup>th</sup> / 55  
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Dear Ed. Your

favor of the 29<sup>th</sup> inst was received whilst  
absent at the war, through a mesen-  
-ger. On the breaking out of the difficulty  
, which was not <sup>un</sup>expected, but which  
on the other hand was premeditated —  
indeed I knew that the plan was con-  
-cocted at the law & order meeting in  
Leavenworth, for immediately thereafter  
wagon loads of bread were sent into  
Stehison & several pieces of cannon to  
Kickapoo & small arms at other places  
to await the signature, which was  
intended to be made. I left for Lawrence  
on Saturday night the first of Dec at  
10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> o'clock & reached there at 12 of the  
next day, having been fourteen hours  
in the saddle. On arriving there I found  
that there was about 500 Missourians  
with several pieces of artillery, encamped  
on the Wakarusa about five miles  
south of Lawrence. At Le Compton on the  
north about 300 & at Douglass 5 miles  
west of Lawrence 250.